

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 24, 2003

IN RE:

**TARIFF TO OBSOLETE MESSAGE RATE,
MEASURED RATE AND REGIONSERV
SERVICES, AND MORRISTOWN AREA
CALLING PLAN -- Tariff Number: 2002300**

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**DOCKET NO.
02-01134**

**ORDER ACCEPTING BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW TARIFF IN ENTIRETY
AND VACATING PREVIOUS AUTHORITY ACTION**

This matter came before Director Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at the regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 2, 2002, for consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") request to withdraw its *Tariff to Obsolete Message Rate, Measured Rate and Regionserv Services, and Morristown Area Calling Plan* ("BellSouth's Tariff"), filed on November 26, 2002.

BellSouth's Tariff was filed on September 30, 2002 with an effective date of October 30, 2002. It was suspended for thirty (30) days by the voting panel assigned to this docket at the October 21, 2002 Authority Conference. BellSouth's Tariff was again considered by the voting panel assigned to this docket at an Authority Conference held on November 18, 2002. The voting panel approved BellSouth's Tariff in part and deferred consideration of the remainder of the Tariff to the December 2, 2002 Authority Conference.

On November 26, 2002, BellSouth filed its request to withdraw the Tariff in its entirety,

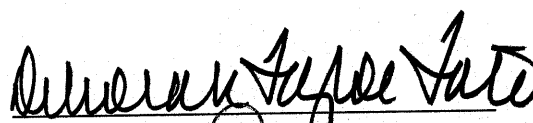
including the portion of the Tariff previously approved. BellSouth stated that its decision to withdraw the entire Tariff was based on "the desire to avoid expending the administrative resources necessary to resolve the issue of obsoleting basic services at this time."¹


Upon consideration of BellSouth's request and the entire record in this matter, the Directors voted unanimously to approve BellSouth's request to withdraw its *Tariff to Obsolete Message Rate, Measured Rate and Regionserv Services, and Morristown Area Calling Plan* in its entirety. The Directors also voted unanimously to strike and vacate their previous action approving the Tariff in part.

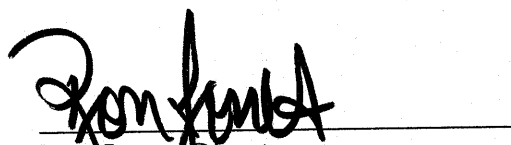
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s request to withdraw the *Tariff to Obsolete Message Rate, Measured Rate and Regionserv Services, and Morristown Area Calling Plan* in its entirety is approved.

2. The action of the voting panel approving BellSouth's Tariff in part at the November 18, 2002 Authority Conference is vacated and rendered null and void.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Director


Pat Miller, Director


Ron Jones, Director

¹ Letter from Jim Gotto to Darlene Standley, Regulatory Manager, filed November 26, 2002, p.2.